

A program of the Carbondale high school commencement in 1847 shows that the school exercises of those days were as ambitious as they are today. There are numerous compositions and orations listed on the program, among them being

"Love of Applause." by Joseph Vannan.

"Responsibilities of the American People." by J. F. Snyder.

"Industry Necessary to Form the Orator." by H. W. Palmer.

"The Roman Soldier." by W. L. Yarrington.

#### CHURCH ESTABLISHMENTS.

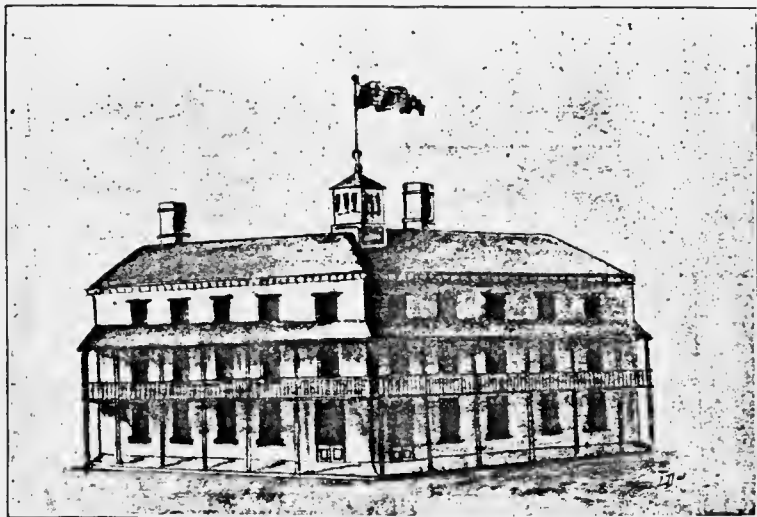
In the autumn of 1830 Rev. Alanson Reed organized the Carbondale Methodist church. Their first church building was erected in 1832. On June 28, 1829, Rev. Joel Campbell of the Hudson Presbytery

the trees and hewed the timber for the first St. Rose church. Father Fitzsimmons, was appointed the first resident priest.

Rev Father Carew whose picture we present in another column was attached to St. Rose Parish as assistant priest in 1851. His coming here was contemporaneous with the organization of the city. The next year he was made pastor and for thirty-six years presided over what is one of the leading parishes of the Scranton diocese if not of Pennsylvania. His fine personality and good works made him beloved by all our people. During his incumbency the new church of St. Rose and St. Rose convent were built. He died September 20, 1887.

#### TWO PIONEERS.

Among the earliest settlers here were Salmon Lathrop



FIRST RAILWAY HOTEL—BURNED IN 1866

and Rev. Lyman Richardson of Harford organized the First Presbyterian church. Their first church edifice was erected in 1834. Rev. James H. Tyng, a missionary organized Trinity Episcopal church in the summer of 1832, the first service in the present Parish house being held July 17, 1842. In 1833 the Welsh Baptist church was organized and the Welsh Calvinistic church in the same year. The Berean Baptist church was organized March 1st, 1818, Rev. W. E. Bowen, being the first pastor. In 1830 the number of Catholics had reached such proportions that their organization as a religious body was agitated. A committee was appointed to take the matter in hand. They felled

and Captain Charles Smith, who were contractors and had built portions of the D. & H. canal. In 1827 Mr. Lathrop became the occupant of the old log tavern which was the first house in Carbondale and Captain Smith, occupied a log house at the other end of the town on the site where Frank Smith, his grandson, now lives. Mr. Lathrop built a frame extension to the log house which his family occupied for a time and in 1828 built a store and dwelling on the corner of Main street and Salem avenue, now the Pascoe & Scurry property. He was the first store keeper in Carbondale. In 1829 he built the Mansion house on an opposite corner. Captain Smith continued in the